GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTELS FOR SC GIRLS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to take over the 50% share of States for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste girls as reported in The Times of India dated May1, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to take over the 50% share of States for SC boys hostels also;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to help the poor boys belonging to SC communities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) Keeping in view the wide gap between the literacy levels of SC girls and boys, a proposal has been formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to raise the existing 50% central assistance to 100% to the State Governments for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste girls, so as to encourage their enrollment and arrest the drop out rate. However, in the case of construction of hostels for SC boys, the existing level of 50% central assistance will remain unchanged.

(e) The Government is implementing various schemes for SC boys and girls, which include-

(i) Upgradation of Merit of SC students;
(ii) Free Coaching including call center training for BPO industry;
(iii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
(iv) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship;
(v) National Overseas Scholarship Scheme; and
(vi) NGO schemes for running schools and training centers.